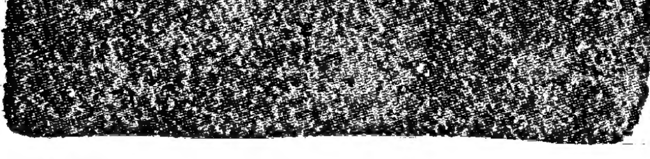
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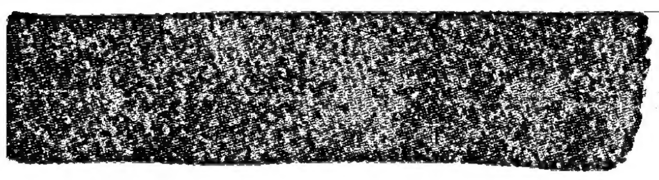
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Three residents of Luneville, Meurthe-et-Moselle Department, claim to have seen a round object flying from north to south at about 0600 hours on 9 January. The object flew more slowly than a jet plane and left a luminous yellow trail. It flew noiselessly, although appearing to be at a low altitude. Several students of the College de Luneville also saw the object.

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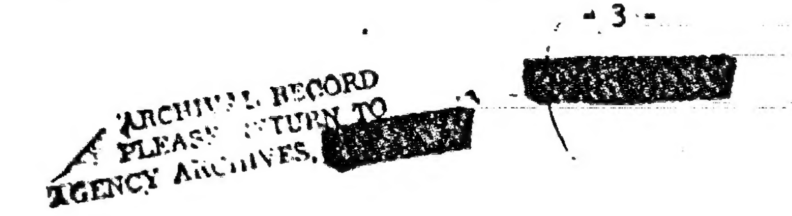
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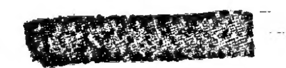
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According to Bertil Lindblad of the Lund Observatory who witnessed the phenomenon, there is no doubt that it was a meteor with an apparent diameter of one third that of the moon and a luminosity of the moon. The trail of the meteor was photographed at the observatory. Observer Nielsen, at the Ole Römer Observatory in Aarhus, Denmark, received reports of the meteor from Aarhus and Copenhagen. He is not of the opinion that it exploded over Copenhagen but thinks that the explosion might have taken place 100 kilometers away. [The article also contains a request by Bertil Lindblad that persons who saw the meteor submit written discriptions of it to him.]

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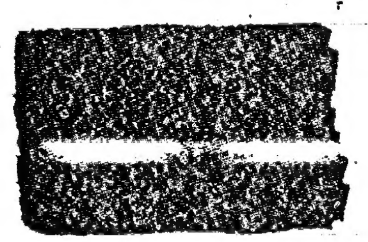
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WEST GERMANY

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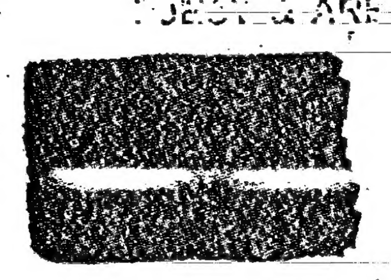
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